

(b) whether taste of such sea foods is being developed according to the taste of Indian populace; and

(c) if so, whether development such of taste is likely to result into a lot of saving?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DALIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) There are large number of sea foods available in our ocean limits. Out of these, there are about 80 commercially important fish species.

(b) and (c) The taste for sea food is already developed and there is a very good market for the marine fish landed in India, especially in coastal and nearby areas where this fish can be made available in prime condition. Further, out of the total annual marine fish production of 27 lakh tonnes, about 90% is consumed in the domestic market. However, preparation of value added products from low value fish will avoid wastage of valuable protein and will make available cheaper protein rich food for the local population.

National Commission for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes

5841. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for SCs/STs has been reconstituted;

(b) if so, the details of the composition of the said Commission along with the date of its reconstitution;

(c) the amount spent by it during 1996-97; and

(d) the number of reports submitted by the Commission during 1996-97

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was reconstituted in the month of October, 1995 with the following composition:

1. Shri H. Hanumanthappa, Chairperson.
2. Smt. Omen Moyong Deori, Vice-Chairperson.
3. Shri Narsingh Baitha, Member
4. Shri B. Yadaiah, Member
5. Shri Anand Mohan Biswas, Member
6. Ven. Lama Lobzang, Member
7. Shri Naresh Chandra Chaturvedi, Member.

(c) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes spend Rs. 3.52 crores during the year 1996-97.

(d) During the year 1996-97 the National Commission has submitted its Annual Report for the year 1993-94.

Operation Flood

5842. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of villages/areas/districts could not be covered by the NDDB under the Operation Flood programme even through sufficient quantity of surplus milk is available;

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter;

(c) whether the State Government concerned have been consulted or are proposed to be consulted in framing the proposals for the investments and creation of requisite facilities; and

(d) the reasons for delay in taking action even though the Operation Flood programme ended in March, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) There are a large number of villages/areas which have surplus milk production but yet are not covered by a milk cooperative. No detailed survey to identify such areas and the extent of surplus production has, however, been conducted.

(c) and (d) The National Dairy Development Board, the State Governments and the State Cooperative dairy federations have been consulted/advised to frame proposals for bringing such surplus milk production areas in the cooperative network.

Dairy Projects in Bangalore

5843. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Anand Milk Union Limited (AMUL) propose to set up a Rs. 120 crore ultra modern dairy in Bangalore;

(b) whether a Rs. 50 crore fruit and vegetable projects is also proposed to be set up in Bangalore by NDDB; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. RAGHUVANS